

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: HOLDING DEVICE FOR MONOLITHIC SORBENTS

## **AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 14, 2002, it is requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 5 to read as follows (a marked up version of the amended claims is in an appendix attached hereto):

- **5. (Amended)** A method of making an encased monolithic ceramic sorbent according to claim 1, comprising:
- a) providing a monolithic ceramic sorbent comprising at least one porous ceramic moulding, and
- b) providing a liquid-impermeable, pressure-resistant fitted polymer casing around the ceramic sorbent.

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